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Security Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. Anthony Lapham

General Counsel

FROM:

Robert W. Gambino

Chairman

SUBJECT:

Statutory Sanctions for Unauthorized

Disclosures

Your remarks to the Security Committee conference, particularly with regard to the prospects for legislative relief for our concerns, made me think that you might like a personal look at a statutory proposal developed by two years ago. With the approval of the then Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community, it was submitted to your office in April 1977 for review and comment. It appears that the then commitment of the Agency's legal staff to a different approach (i.e., H.R. 12006 and its successor, H.R. 6234, 94th and 95th Congresses, respectively), and the necessity to concentrate much of the efforts of the legal staff on the E.O. 12036 exercise, sidetracked a response. A copy of _____original proposal is attached. In addition to the suggested statute, it contains a rationale for the legislation, a sectional analysis, and a commentary on the bills cited above (which died in the Congress). May I have your thoughts on this approach? May I also suggest that our staffs work together to develop a specific proposal likely to gain White House and Congressional acceptance in today's environment.

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